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The Cambridge Arts Council presents
Summer in the City
Free Outdoor Performance Series for Children and Families

Cambridge, MA – Each summer Cambridge parks come alive with music, dance, storytellers, theatrical performances, puppetry, arts & crafts, movies and more! The Cambridge Arts Council, the city of Cambridge's lead arts agency, presents a wide array of FREE, multicultural, interactive arts programs, performances, and activities both day and night for children, families, and the entire community in July and August. Performances are designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11, but are fun and engaging for all ages. Each performance is approximately 45 minutes long. In many cases, rain sites or dates are designated. The *Summer in the City* schedule is online at www.cambridgeartscouncil.org/summerinthecity or call the Cambridge Arts Council at 617-349-4380.

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Tuesday, July 12 at 10:00 a.m. – Jungle Jim's *Wild about Balloons* & Agenda for Children's StoryWalk
Donnelly Field, 67 Berkshire St.

Rain Site: Frisoli Youth Center, 61 Willow St.

Jungle Jim, a family entertainer and professional balloon artist, puts on an engaging and interactive performance, featuring music and elaborate balloon-making. After the performance, join the StoryWalk Cambridge kick-off event in Vellucci Plaza featuring arts & crafts activities and snacks. Free copies of the StoryWalk books will be handed out (while supplies last) of *Stick* by Steve Breen and *Turtle Splash!* by Cathryn Falwell. As part of the program, participating businesses will display a page from the same children's book in their street-front windows and offer discounts and giveaways to children and families. *Co-sponsored by Inman Sq. Business Association.*

Thursday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. – Boomtown Festival
Centanni Courtyard, 2nd St. & Centanni Way

Rain Site: Multicultural Arts Center, 41 2nd St.

For this performance, **Summer in the City** takes you to the **Boomtown Festival**, a summer community arts festival featuring free music, dance, visual arts and kid-friendly activities.

At 5:15 p.m., Monkeyhouse: Jump-In!

A dance performance along with an audience participation & movement segment.

At 6:00 p.m., The Organ Quartet - On the Latin Side!

Jazz-infused world music.

Co-sponsored by the Multicultural Arts Center

Monday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m. – The Little Red Wagon, *Strega Nona*

Dana Park, 74 Magazine St.

Rain Site: Morse School, 40 Granite St.

This adaptation of Tomie dePaola's 1976 Caldecott Honor book brings the story to life through music and puppetry for children from Pre-k through grade 4.

Thursday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m. – Boomtown Festival

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At 6:00 p.m., Duppy Conquerors

Boston's best reggae musicians perform the music of Bob Marley

Co-sponsored by the Multicultural Arts Center

Tuesday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m. – Rona Leventhal, *Travelin' Shoes: A Multicultural Storytelling Extravaganza*

Sacramento Field, 19 Sacramento St.

Rain Site: Baldwin School, 28 Sacramento St.

Rona Leventhal is one person, but many voices. Through her, skies talk, turtles sing, and magic happens! Rona has a talent for relating educational messages in a captivating and entertaining fashion through multicultural tales, songs and audience participation.

Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m. – Performance by Eric Royer: One Man Band & Movie Night*

East Cambridge Savings Bank Parking Lot, 292 Cambridge St.

Rain Date: Thursday, August 4, 7:00 p.m.

Eric Royer's One Man Band performs authentic bluegrass and old-time country music. The "band" creates a unique sound using a five-string banjo (Scruggs and claw hammer), dobro, harmonica, vocals, kazoo, and the one-of-a-kind foot controlled "Guitar Machine," all played at the same time. An outdoor movie follows the performance. *Co-sponsored by the East Cambridge Business Association.*

Monday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m. – Ron Goldman's humorous, musical learning experience

Bergin Park, 80 Haskell St.

Rain Site: Fitzgerald Peabody School, 70 Rindge Ave.

Children's music is a specialty of Ron Goldman's programs. He connects easily with children and enjoys involving them in his music. Songs may be original and from traditional and contemporary sources. Children are encouraged to respond, participate, move, sing, and dance. Humor, learning, and high energy are regularly part of the musical experience.

Wednesday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m. – Guy Mendilow, *Around the World in Song*

Greene-Rose Heritage Park, 238 Broadway

Rain Site: Fletcher-Maynard Academy, 225 Windsor St.

In this performance workshop, children meet some of the most important members of the band, the instruments themselves, such as the berimbau, the munnharpa (jaw harp), and overtone singing. Fun stories, exciting rhythm games and joyous sing-alongs, performed in up to six languages, introduce children to music from around the world in an interactive performance.

Tuesday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m. – Zanyacts

Glacken Field, near 691 Huron Ave.

Rain Site: Haggerty School, 110 Cushing St.

Become entranced by the magic and comedy of this group while they perform an array of entertaining and theatrical circus illusions and mime.

Thursday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m. – Gaston Bogomolni & Friends

Danehy Park, 99 Sherman St.

Rain Site: Tobin School, 197 Vassal Lane

A Jewish world music adventure! Fasten your seat belts and “fly” around the world as Gaston and his band take you on an energizing and fun-filled musical adventure around the world. *Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston.*

Monday, August 15 at 10 a.m. – Puppet Showplace Theatre, *The Carrot Salesman*

Cambridge Common Tot Lot, 7 Waterhouse St.

Rain Site: Graham and Parks School, 44 Linnaean St.

The Carrot Salesman is the original story of a door-to-door carrot salesrabbit who is not very good at his job. But through his unsuccessful efforts to sell carrots to elephants, jellyfish, moles, and robots, he discovers a way to help all of the animals. Performed with colorful two-dimensional table-top puppets and fun audience interaction, this show is recommended for ages 3 and up.

Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. – Jungle Jim’s *Wild about Balloons* & Movie Night*

East Cambridge Savings Bank Parking Lot, 1310 Cambridge St.

Rain Date: Thursday, August 25, 7:00pm

Jungle Jim, a family entertainer and professional balloon artist, puts on an engaging and interactive performance, featuring music and elaborate balloon-making. A movie follows the performance. *Co-sponsored by Inman Square Business Association*

Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. – SOUTH END SHOWSTOPPERZ & Movie Night*

Location: Raymond Park, corner of Walden St. & Raymond St

Rain Date: Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 p.m.

Performance by an all-girls dance group, ages 10-15, based out of small neighborhood, the Villa Victoria in Boston. An outdoor movie follows the performance. *Co-sponsored by the Friends of Raymond Park.*

Thursday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. – Performance & Movie Night*

Location: Technology Square Court Yard, near 500 Technology Square on Main St.

Rain Date: Thursday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.

An interactive performance for all ages will be followed by an outdoor movie. *Co-sponsored by the Kendall Square Association.*

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